

## **Partnership for the Sounds Annual Report**

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<b>Section Number:</b>	Section 14.10(a)
<b>Due Date:</b>	Sept. 1, 2012
<b>Submission Date:</b>	August 15, 2012

### **Receiving Entities:**

The House of Representatives Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources  
The Senate Appropriation Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources  
The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
The Fiscal Research Division

### **Submitting Entity:**

Partnership for the Sounds

## Program Activities and Accomplishments Report

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<b>Grantee Name:</b>	Partnership for the Sounds
<b>Grantee Tax ID #</b>	56-1829633
<b>Program Name:</b>	Eco Tourism Grant 2012
<b>Project/Activity Title:</b>	Partnership for the Sounds – Eco Tourism Grant 2012
<b>Grantee's Fiscal Year End: (mmddyyyy)</b>	06/30/2012
<b>Date of This Report:</b>	8/14/2012
<b>Preparer of This Report:</b>	Carolyn S. Simmons, Deputy Director for Administration

In compliance with the requirements of G.S. 143-6.2, *Use of State Funds by Non-State Entities*, (repealed June 30, 2007) and G.S. 143C-6-23, *State grant funds: administration, oversight and reporting requirements*, (effective July 1, 2007) the following is a description of activities and accomplishments undertaken by our organization using the provided state funding: Complete this report for each different program funded.

1. What were the original goals and expectations for the activity supported by this grant?

Operations, salaries and administration of facilities that are focal points for environmental education, tourism and local activities in our communities and region. Goals 1)provide entertaining programs on ecology/cultural history of region 2)stimulate nature-based/heritage tourism in order to support local business 3)work with community partners/organizations on local programs, festivals and events to promote local tourism 4)promote regional nature/cultural resources 5)encourage stewardship.

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2. If applicable, how have those goals and expectations been revised or refined during the course of the project?

No significant changes were made. PfS continuously updates and changes programs and events at all of our facilities

3. What has the activity accomplished with these grant funds? Please include specific information including facts and statistics to support conclusions and judgments about the activity's impact.

Our facilities welcomed 65,416 visitors in FY11/12 including thousands of schoolchildren, local residents, North Carolinians from other regions, citizens from every State in the US, travelers from 30 foreign countries. Programs include estuarine ecology, wildlife, Native American heritage, agriculture history, regional cuisine, artistic expression, maritime life and more. We work with local groups to promote sustainable economic development and tourism while protecting our natural resources.

4. If the activity is a continuing one, briefly summarize future plans and funding prospects.

Our operating budget supports local jobs with 13 regular staff and several part-time staff located four Tier 1 counties - Bertie, Beaufort, Hyde, and Tyrrell. State funding provides 2/3 of our operating budget; the remainder comes from admission fees and gift shop sales, local appropriations, donations, and grants. Our funding for 11/12 was reduced 15% to \$409,326, which resulted in reduction to staff and facility hours. We anticipate an additional cut for 2012/13.

If there are any questions, please contact the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor:  
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<b>Grantee Tax ID #</b>	56-1829633
<b>Program Name:</b>	Tyrrell County Visitor's Center
<b>Project/Activity Title:</b>	Tyrrell County Visitor's Center
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\$150,000 for 2011/12 was used to operate the Tyrrell County Visitor's Center in Columbia NC. Tyrrell County Visitor's Center serves as a gateway to the entire Albemarle-Pamlico area. The goal of the Visitor's Center is to provide the traveling public with up-to-date travel information and to assist them with other travel needs if possible. Information available at the Visitor's Center includes local, regional, and statewide brochures, maps, tourist information, and current weather information.



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2. If applicable, how have those goals and expectations been revised or refined during the course of the project?

No changes have been made. The Visitor's Center is continuously updating and changing its inventory of brochures and travel information, so that the traveling public has the best travel information available.

3. What has the activity accomplished with these grant funds? Please include specific information including facts and statistics to support conclusions and judgments about the activity's impact.

We are known to visitors as one of the nicest Visitors Centers in the state, with helpful and courteous staff. Thousands of vehicles stop each year, finding info about various points of interest in the Albemarle-Pamlico region as well as the State of NC. Our scenic location on the Scuppernon River makes a perfect respite for weary travelers. From 7/1/11-6/30/12 TCVC was able to promote local, regional and State tourism to 25,042 registered guests with 461,186 stopping at the rest area.

4. If the activity is a continuing one, briefly summarize future plans and funding prospects.

Continued funding from NCDOT is essential to the operation of the Tyrrell County Visitor's Center. For 2012/13, the Town of Columbia and Tyrrell County have appropriated \$500 each to provide assistance for marketing of the local area.

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**PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SOUNDS REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

For Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/2012	Operating - DOC Funded	Tyrrell Co. Visitor's Center - DOT	Total
<b><i>Revenues</i></b>			
<i>Interest Income</i>	435.11	-	435.11
<i>State Appropriation - DENR</i>	409,326.00	-	409,326.00
<i>State Appropriation - DOT</i>	-	150,000.00	150,000.00
<i>Local Government Appropriations</i>	55,200.00	1,000.00	56,200.00
<i>Fundraising, Contributions, Etc.</i>	8,483.38	168.00	8,651.38
<i>Sales, Admissions, and Programs</i>	106,308.67	11,043.12	117,351.79
<i>Grant Revenues</i>	3,400.00	-	3,400.00
<i>Refunds and Reimbursements</i>	16,749.71	6.39	16,756.10
<i>Transfers In and Fund Balance Approp.</i>	63,905.00	-	63,905.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>663,807.87</b>	<b>162,217.51</b>	<b>826,025.38</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>			
<i>Salaries and Related Expenses</i>	508,473.02	140,684.94	649,157.96
<i>Governance</i>	697.64	-	697.64
<i>Programs and Events</i>	10,645.60	-	10,645.60
<i>Equipment and Repairs</i>	8,018.39	31.50	8,049.89
<i>Gift Shop Expenses</i>	40,013.80	7,505.94	47,519.74
<i>Grant Expenses</i>	4,559.63	-	4,559.63
<i>Facility Operating Expenses</i>	97,332.25	6,896.44	104,228.69
<i>Marketing, P/R and Promotions</i>	2,951.44	267.62	3,219.06
<i>Other Operating Expenses</i>	32,420.88	3,834.00	36,254.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>705,112.65</b>	<b>159,220.44</b>	<b>864,333.09</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>(41,304.78)</b>	<b>2,997.07</b>	<b>(38,307.71)</b>

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Hello All,

This is a courtesy reminder that your annual report is due to the General Assembly by September 1, 2012. Below I have pasted the session law that applies to most of you and addresses the content of your report. Please remember to electronically submit financial statements as they are available. Additionally, I have attached a reference document on how to submit your report electronically.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Please also let me know if the contacts for your agency need to be updated or changed.

Thank you,  
Kristin

*Session Law 2011-145*

### STATE-AID REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**SECTION 14.10.(a)** Ag in the Classroom, Councils of Government, Defense & Security Technology Accelerator, FFA Foundation, High Point Market Authority, Indian Economic Development Initiative, Johnson & Wales University, Land Loss Prevention Project, North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations, North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, Inc., North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc., North Carolina Minority Support Center, and Partnership for the Sounds, Inc., shall do the following:

(1) By September 1 of each year, and more frequently as requested, report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and the Fiscal Research Division on prior State fiscal year program activities, objectives, and accomplishments and prior State fiscal year itemized expenditures and fund sources.

(2) Provide to the Fiscal Research Division a copy of the organization's annual audited financial statement within 30 days of issuance of the statement.

**SECTION 14.10.(b)** Remaining allotments after September 1 shall not be released to any nonprofit organization that does not satisfy the reporting requirements provided in subsection (a) of this section.

**SECTION 14.10.(c)** Beginning in fiscal year 2012-2013, no more than one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) in State funds shall be used for the annual salary of any one employee of an entity named in subsection (a) of this section.

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